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Statement on Florida Commissioner of Education Eric Smith

Tallahassee—Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park) today released the following statement regarding Florida Commissioner of Education Eric Smith's resignation.

"Under Commissioner Smith's leadership we have seen Florida students make exceptional gains. Our high school graduation rate has reached a new high; we are closer than ever before to closing the achievement gap, and Florida has become a national model for measuring student performance.

"These developments coupled with Commissioner Smith's support of breakthrough legislation to reward and retain our state's best teachers, will help Florida excel in preparing our students to compete and lead in the global economy.

"I commend Commissioner Smith for his leadership and commitment to Florida's students and wish him the best of luck with his future endeavors."

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